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The World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Club

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**** What's Wrong with The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club?

Have you been down to a meeting lately - within the last six months? - within the last year? Oh, so many of you must answer this in the negative! Well, if you haven't, let me bring you up to date. In case you have forgotten, the club still meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday and even though we have been having some darn good programs, the attendance has been averaging about 30 to 35 per meeting. To continue, the interest - or should I say the Lack of interest, shown by those present, has been something to behold.

Your present officers are trying to do a good job, and with the exception of a few active die hards, they are getting little or no help, or encouragement, from the few others that attend. This is nothing new, but has been the trend for several years now. Each year the attendance has been slowly dying off. Even though your officers and board each year, do all within their power to hold your membership, the club's roster is shrinking also. Through the 6 years I have been a member, I have seen 6 different Presidents do their best to keep the club interest and spirit up. The staff working under each of them have done all they can to help their club. What have they got in return? Criticism! Oh yes, plenty of that. Encouragement - very little. Volunteers to work on various committees, or to do even the smallest tasks - oh so very few. For example, a couple of weeks ago, our present Pres. W9RKP said the board plans to put on a social event in the near future, and asked for a show of hands on those that preferred a dance, bowling party, or a card party. The same 9 or 10 raised their hands for each - the other 20 or 25 didn't even have the ambition to extend their hands to help the present staff out!

What has happened to your club!? Where is that live-wire spirit that used to exist? Where is the co-operation and togetherness that used to exist in ours, the oldest continuously active radio club? And last, but not least, why haven't you been down to a meeting lately to see your old friends and to support your club? How would you like to present a program in front of only a couple of dozen people, or be one of the officers trying to conduct a meeting in a big and near empty room? Believe me, it can get pretty darn discouraging.

About now, you're saying you're busy some Thursdays, or since you live about ten miles from the library, it's too far to travel, or that the parking just isn't what it should be. Some of you are even saying that there's some poor individual whom you don't like too well, so why attend meetings and have to run into him. Yes, some of you are probably even thinking, well if the club is going to POT anyhow, I might as well turn my interests elsewhere. All these things are most certainly true; many of you fit into one of these above groups.

Each June the club has a FREE election. NO ONE IS LEFT OUT. If you wish to be an officer, or director, you can be nominated from the floor and if elected, you can become a working part of the MRAC. There is no Clique running the club!

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In conclusion, I can only say it is not the club's fault, or any of the officers' faults, that finds the club in the condition it is today. I can draw only one, honest-to-goodness conclusion: it is YOUR fault! To start each of you, and the club, back on the right track, get down to a meeting soon. Don't let the time or the parking be an excuse. Get down here and shake some of your old friends' hands. When you get there, tell one of the officers that you think they are doing a good job and if you have any opinions, please stand up and say your piece. If you don't agree with something or someone, say so. Offer to help the Club in some way. Tell the speaker of the night you enjoyed his program. Become a part of the club once again. We can't go out and beg each of you individually to attend a meeting, but we can ask you to come down to a few meetings and once you try this, the old conference room at the library will be filled once again - if you don't enjoy yourself, something is most certainly wrong with you. Just remember that happiness, friendship and co-operative spirit is like Perfume - try spraying a bit of it on others and you will find that some of it will rub off on you.

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FOR SALE

Mike James, K9KAI, Fone: HO 4-5354
Hi Gain 3 element Tri Band Beam
15 meter 3 element Hi Gain Beam
All in good condition. Any reasonable offer.

Paul Leeb, W9TKY, fone: UP 3-4293
Elmac A54 xmtr; mike P E 103; Suber 6 converter 12 volt.

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NC-300 & Speaker $210; Viking 2 $125; Viking Matchbox $25; Sig Sentry $10; Viking VFO #122 $20; CDR AR22 Rotator $20; Vibroplex $20; Hi Gain 14 AVS (vertical 10, 15, 20, 40) $22.50; Mosley 20 meter 3 El VP beam $35; Mosley TA 33 Jr $40; Astatic Mike and stand $10; Coax ratiometer $20; and Johnson Low Pass Filter $5. All clean and in good condition.

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The Wisconsin Section - ARRL

Our new SCM: As of Nov. 1st, our Wis section officially greets our new SCM, Ken Ebneter, K9GSC of Portage, Wis. He is well qualified to take over this important task. For many years, Ken has been very active in most phases of amateur radio and holds an Extra class license, plus commercial radiotelephone first, and radiotelegraph second class licenses. He is very active on the state nets and presently holds a NCS job on our Wis. interstate net and holds ORS and OES appointments. Ken is a bachelor and besides having his own TV and repair business, he works for two other concerns doing the same business, when time permits. I'm sure Ken will become a very active SCM as he makes it a point to attend most gatherings within the Central Division. Let's all welcome Ken and give him our combined support as only through our reports to him, can he continue to keep our section in the fine shape it is today. Send same to 822 Wauona Trail, Portage, Wis.

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To our outgoing SCM, Bud Woida W9KQB, we can only wish him the best, and say thanks for a job well done during your four and one half year term. A swell way of showing your appreciation individually, would be for each of you to get a letter of thanks off to Bud.

Don't forget the Wis. QSO PARTY coming up Sunday December 10. Let's all get behind this great event that is sponsored by our own club and make it the biggest and best one yet. For logs and further information contact Doug Pavek W9FDX.

Sherman Carr, W9NGT puts out a bi-monthly bulletin for the state of Wis. titled "Wis net association Bulletin". It's chuck-full of data of every kind and certainly worth your reading time. For a sample copy, drop a card to W9NGT, Secty WNA, Hartford, Wis.

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OPERATION BIGFOOT

By: W9KQD

It was a bright morning, as the sun slowly cast its rays over the low cloud bank in the eastern sky. As the sun slowly lit up the earth, it was evident the fall season was in full glory, with all the color hues imaginable in the surrounding trees. On the black top road, two cars darted northward from Grafton, bound for Mauthe lake. The lead car with its two sleepy occupants, and the second car with the lone driver, were the only volunteers in the interest of Amateur Radio willing to rise at 5 am, to set up communications at Mauthe lake for the interest and concern of the 600 boy scouts already assembled there. As the mobiles traveled along, the cheerful contact between them was occasionally interrupted when an inspiring view from a hilltop came into view. The air was brisk, and filled with excitement as the two cars pulled up to the big barn south of Mauthe lake. The excited boy scouts, parents, group leaders and dignitaries pressed forward, eager to start the hike over the newly opened glacial trail that ended at Green Bush about 16 miles to the north.

After locating Mr. Sharbnen, chairman in charge of the festive occasion, the two mobiles were led to the ranger station at the north end of the lake. Here in a very neat and orderly office, W9BCK/9 was set up using a Eldico Xmtr and a HRO-5 RX. The antenna was very expertly raised and tuned up through the wisdom of W9BCK, W9VCC, with the help of some yokel named W9KQD. Meanwhile, K9CAG had joined the boyscouts on the trail with one of the Walkie Talkies. Larry was opposite Forest Lake about two and a half miles away when he heard W9BCK/9 tune up. Much to the amazement of all, K9CAG was heard on the fixed stations rcvr an S-8!

By 10 that morning at checkpoint 4, on county Hy F, the first of Troop 126 was seen coming out of the woods. The last group to pass point 4 was the training group, led by the Secty of the Badger Trails Inc. In between was a large assortment of hikers.

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It was apparent the overweight individuals were dropping behind, and the back packs were becomming lighter at each crossing, where the troops would shed parts of their packs in the waiting cars of parents, etc. A memorable occasion was the passing of pack 192 at checkpoint 5 near Butler lake. They could be heard in the distance as they counted in cadence and marched in step. To any old infantry man, it would have brought tears to the eyes, to see this young group of boys as they came down the road in single file.

Throughout the day, Larry K9CAG, 's walkie talkie gave his position and kept us informed of the troop movements. With the limited range of the W.T. the information had to be relayed to the control station via the roving mobiles, W9VCC, W9PUM, K9MZJ, and W9KQD. It was also very gratifying to hear other stations calling the net control W9BCK/9 and offering to give assistance in case of an emergency. Some of the stations that called in and offered to help were W9PYM, W9BTM and W9YYW/M.

The trail is about 18 miles long and can easily be traveled by the average person in less than 8 hours of very scenic viewing. On October 14 the hikers started from both ends of the trail and several groups camped overnight at the half way point near Butler Lake. On the trail there were 21 types of trees, numbered for the boy scouts to identify. The trail is marked by bright blue and white trail blazers, in such a manner that the next marker is always in sight. The trail also passes several historic markers as well as Parnell Tower, and many lakes. No doubt this hiking hobby is for the young of heart, people from 8 to 80 as was proven this Oct Saturday.

It was a real pleasure to work with Ron W9BCK a very active ham who has a great interest in CD, AREC and the Red Cross.

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CHARGED CAPACITORS

We repeat: If your fone number or address has been changed, or if your club notices have been addressed incorrectly, PLEASE notify your club secty K9PSU, Fone EV 3-0361. Only thru your co-operation can all club members be listed completely correct in the coming roster.

Bruce Keymer W9VOD is now attending the Univ of Guatemala in Guatemala City and our club member Pop Keymer has been trying desperately to get in touch with Bruce thru amateur radio. Please be on the lookout for TG9IM and if contact is made, call Albert Keymer.

Don Gross W9KQD has received his MARS call and has been working the MSRS nets and pushing TFC with much gusto.

This is the time of the year when you wonder if your dog is really attached to you or to your electric blanket.

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This month marks the 60th anniversary of Marconi's first trans-Atlantic wireless communication. Did you know that this historic signal was sent from Poldhu (on the south coast of England) and received by Marconi in St. Johns, Newfoundland? The St. Johns radio club will issue special QSLs to parties working VO1MSA. Details Dec. QST.

What on earth will members of today's younger generation tell their children they had to do without?

From the ARRL CD bulletin. Any dime store sells what is known as the "fun slate". Most of you with kids must have seen one. It can be written on and erased just by pulling up the top sheet of transparent plastic. It is real good for jotting down notes or calls during QSO or when chasing DX.

Did you know that Milwaukee has a Citizens band club? It lists 96 members and has been meeting monthly since April 1960. The Citizen banders also publish a national newspaper.

Those interested in safe driving awards, ask Tommy Gettelman about same the next time you see him down at club!

The Milw Amateur Radio Emergency corps meets monthly at the 47th and Vliet Police station; for further information contact Bob Goldstein K9KJT, FL 2-9499.

Dick Oberholtzer W9ZPV is the chairman of the Communications committee of the Milw-Waukesha chapter of the Red Cross disaster service. Contact Dick at SU 2-9158 if you wish to help.

Yep, the trouble with being a good sport, is that you have to lose to prove it.

The Editors wish to thank W9WVL, W9GPI and Albert Keymer for their letters of appreciation. It surely makes the task a bit easier.

A warm welcome to new members: Ron Gorski K9KGC; Walt Prichard, W9CUS.

A big night to keep open is DECEMBER 27th - OLD TIMERS' NIGHT at the Pabst Blue Ribbon Hall. Card playing, snacks, eye ball QSOs and fun for all.

The ninth district has a new QSO manager Ray Birren W9MSG. If you have worked any DX at all please get several 4 x 7 self-addressed envelopes off to him as soon as possible.

Something new for all you holiday wolves: "guided missletoe."

While we're on the holiday spirit, did you know that the only difference between men and boys is the cost of their toys!

Vern Fabishak W9HDH is now teaching in a college in Las Vegas, N.M. on a temporary basis and sez hi to all club members.

Dale Engler K9GHT at Woods Hosp - thanks W9KQD, K9PSU, W 9QYW and K9CJK for helping put up his new antenna.

FROM JACK DOYLE - W9GPI

As of November 22 add BOLIVIA to your list of countries now handling third party traffic.

160 meter use, by amateurs, as per the old days, begins to look excellently possible, perhaps by late spring of 1962.

Power increase in microwave frequency range(s) is being petitioned by ARRL.

Citation increase by amateur section monitoring stations is mounting to 30 percent since September 61. This precludes much action on the part of amateurs paying MORE attention to band edges - ethical operation - as well as all other violations. In addition: paying more attention to OFFICIAL OBSERVER REPORTS this can save the amateur the trouble of reply to CITATIONS as well as the knowledge that ALL CITATIONS NOW BECOME A PERMANENT PART OF THEIR RECORDS.

FCC looks upon PARASITICS and SPURIOUS RADIATIONS and HARMONICS that fall outside of any amateur freq, as TRANSMISSION on an un-athorized amateur freq. This becomes extremely difficult to explain away - MORAL IS - WATCH IT BOYS!

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M.R.A.C. DANCE &
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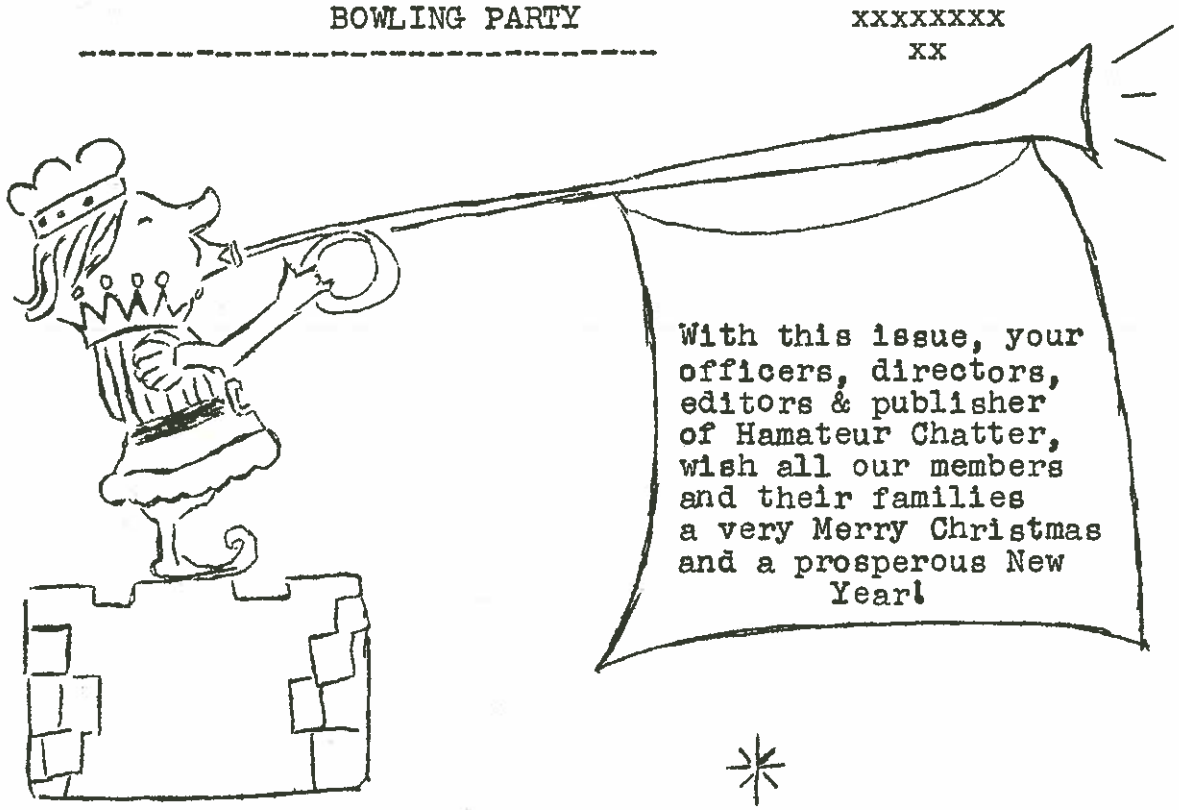
With this issue, your officers, directors, editors & publisher of Hamateur Chatter, wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!